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IF employees honored for support of research

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ROME, N.Y. — Seven members of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate support staff have been honored for their contributions to the directorate's research and development mission.

Receiving awards during Heritage Day ceremonies Oct. 16 were: Joanne L. Rossi, Alex S. Sisti Comptroller of the Year Award; Tech Sgt. David A. Griglock, General Robert C. Mathis Award; Richard C. Metzger, Maj. Gen. Daniel C. Doubleday Award; Anthony J. Eriole Jr., Operations and Support Excellence Award; Renee F. Arcuri, Robert V. Decker Memorial Award; Constance M. Kohler, Secretary/Clerical of the Year Award; and Master Sgt. David Terrell, Technical Support Award.

Rossi is assigned as a financial analyst in the Comptroller Division. In that position, she serves as the liaison between the laboratory workforce and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Defense Civilian Payroll System. She holds an associate's degree in banking and finance from Mohawk Valley Community College and is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in business from the State University of New York Empire State College.

A native of Oneida, Rossi has been a member of the laboratory staff for 21 years. She was the recipient of the AFRL Financial Services Civilian Award in 2001.

The Comptroller of the Year Award is named in honor of Alex S. Sisti, a pioneer in the automation of Air Force financial and information systems, who retired in 1998. It is conferred annually to an individual assigned to the Comptroller Division for outstanding contributions to financial management for the directorate.

The Mathis Award, presented each year to a member of the directorate staff for outstanding contributions to community relations, is named for the former Rome Air Development Center commander who retired as Air Force Vice Chief of Staff. RADC was renamed Rome Laboratory in 1990 and became part of the Air Force Research Laboratory in the fall of 1997.

Griglock was cited for volunteering his time and talents to numerous charitable and civic events. His efforts were instrumental in the success of these events, including the American Cancer Society, the Rome Research Site Honor Guard; Boy Scouts of America and a local middle school's science fair. Griglock serves as an information craftsman with the Special Projects Office. In that position, he is responsible for providing staff support and services and system administrator duties. A native of Pittston, Pa., he has been assigned to Rome since March 1997.

The Doubleday Award is presented annually to a directorate staff member for outstanding management or administrative actions. It is named after the commander of RADC during two periods (1951-54 and 1961-63).

Metzger, a resident of Lee Center and 13-year laboratory employee, is program manager of the Joint Battlespace Infosphere program in the directorate's Information Systems Division. In that position, he manages 25 on-site scientists and contractors researching technologies for the JBI, envisioned as a global computer "system of systems" that, once built, will facilitate real-time management of combat information. JBI will allow military leaders to access the most current and accurate information needed to make quick decisions during a crisis or conflict.

Metzger earned bachelor's degrees in medical technology from SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse and in computer science from Syracuse University. He was awarded a master's degree in computer engineering from Syracuse University. The Mohawk Valley Engineers Executive Council honored him in 2000 and he was named 1998 Project Manager of the Year by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

He was specifically cited for his expert leadership in transforming the vision of future information environments into one that encompasses a globally shared "information space" that aggregates, integrates, fuses and disseminates all relevant battlespace information to support real-time, effective decision making.

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Eriole, a native of Sherrill who joined the laboratory staff seven years ago, is supervisory police officer with the directorate's security force. He serves as chief of the Department of Defense police unit at the site and is also the antiterrorism officer.

The Operations & Support Excellence Award is presented annually to a member of the Operations and Support Division for outstanding customer support.

Eriole, who also received the award in 1999, was cited for his continuous efforts to provide the highest level of security for the Rome Research Site, as well as modernizing and enhancing the site's antiterrorism and force protection programs.

Arcuri, a native of Utica, is a procurement analyst in the directorate's Contracting Division. In that position, she serves as team leader for the technical requirements group and assigns all research and development workloads of Contracting Division branches. The Decker Award is presented each year to a member of the division for an outstanding achievement that contributed to the success of the laboratory's mission.

A member of the laboratory staff for 12 years, Arcuri holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Nazareth College, Rochester, and earned her master's in business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She was cited for her outstanding acquisition leadership that provided support to more than 370 contracts valued in excess of \$800 million, as well as her management of several key programs in the Contracting Division.

Kohler, of Annsville, is a legal instruments examiner in the Contracting Division. She was employed by the laboratory from 1989 to 1994, and rejoined the staff in 2001. Her award is presented annually to the outstanding secretarial/clerk member of the directorate.

She was cited for her in-depth review of contracts with a total value in excess of \$214 million, while ensuring compliance with high standards and accurately reflecting contracting negotiations.

Terrell is chief of information management for the Special Security Office in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division. His award is given each year to a civilian (GS-7 and below) or military (E-7 and below) whose position is to provide staff or support service.

A native of Indianapolis, Ind., and assigned to Rome for more than four years, Terrell was recognized for his outstanding support to Rome Research Site personnel by providing special security services. @